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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Office Action Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)
	10/614,062	YAMANAKA ET AL.
	Examiner	Art Unit
	Jerome Jackson Jr.	2815

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 08 December 2004.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-21 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 3-7, 9, 14-17 and 19 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1, 2, 8, 10-13, 18, 20, 21 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) All b) Some * c) None of:
1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.

Claims 1,2,8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Okumura '176.

The previous rejection still applies.

Claims 10-13,18 and 20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Doverspike.

The previous rejection still applies. New claim 20 is rejected as second layer 21 of Doverspike comprises Al and Ga which are n-type dopant molecules.

Claims 11 and 13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the enablement requirement. The claim(s) contains subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to enable one skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and/or use the invention. The previous rejection still applies. The second layer cannot be both n-type and p-type as the claim states.

Claim 21 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as anticipated by or, in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as obvious over Doverspike .

Doverspike teaches a double-hetero light emitting layer structure including a p-n junction comprising layers 11-15 of figure 1. The p-type layer side layer structure comprises a first n-type AlGaN layer 21, a p-type second layer 22, and a third layer 23. Claim 21 is anticipated by Doverspike or in the alternative obvious over Doverspike if applicant disagrees with any labeling of the device layers.

Claim 21 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as anticipated by or, in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as obvious over Okumura.

Okumura teaches a p-n junction double-hetero light emitting device including a first layer 8, a second layer 10 and a third layer 11. A guide layer 9 is included between layers 8 and 10, however, elimination of the guide layer merely lowers the "guiding" of the light beam and its elimination is *prima facie* obvious.

Applicant's arguments filed 12/8/04 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. Applicant argues that layer 8 of Okumura may be p-type when doped with Mg. This argument is true, however, the layer may also not be doped with Mg in another embodiment and the process stated in column 8 lines 25-33 determines that the layer is n-type as there is no Mg present. It is well known and also evidenced by applicant's admissions (page 9 of the specification) that AlGaN grown at a low temperature (as 750 degrees from Okumura) and without p-type dopant (Mg) will be n-type due to defects. Accordingly, layer 8 of Okumura is n-type when it is not doped with Mg. Applicant's claims are anticipated.

Arguments regarding applicant's admissions of prior art are unconvincing as undoped layers 15 and 21 of Doverspike are n-type by reason of their process of making and unless applicant can prove the contrary the rejection will stand. As stated in the rejection the process temperature for layer 15 is 750-800 degrees C and under these conditions the layer necessarily becomes n-type as there is no p-type dopant as Mg included. The burden is on applicant.

Arguments regarding claims 11 and 13 are unconvincing because claim 11 states that the layer is n-type but can have more p-type dopant than n-type dopant (carrier density). This simply is not possible. Apparently the specification intends to define a situation where the layer can be either n-type or p-type, however, the claim language is so confusing as to be non-enabled and impossible.

Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jerome Jackson Jr. whose telephone number is 571-272 1730. The examiner can normally be reached on t-th 9-5.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Tom Thomas can be reached on 571 272 1664. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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